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H.R. 6301
**Promoting High-Value Health Care Through Flexibility for High
Deductible Health Plans Act of 2018**

As reported by the House Committee on Ways and Means on July 19, 2018

H.R. 6301 would amend the Internal Revenue Code by expanding the range of services a high deductible health plan can cover before the plan's minimum deductible is satisfied. Under current law, individuals are generally eligible to participate in a Health Savings Account (HSA) if they are covered by a high deductible health plan and no other health care plan, except for certain types of coverage specifically disregarded by law. Currently, high-deductible health plans are allowed to provide "first dollar" (before the minimum deductible is satisfied) coverage for preventative care. H.R. 6301 would allow a high-deductible plan to provide first dollar coverage for services that are not preventative care up to a threshold of \$250 per year for self-only coverage (\$500 for family coverage), without affecting a beneficiary's eligibility to participate in an HSA.

The staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) estimates that enacting H.R. 6301 would reduce revenues by \$3.8 billion over the 2019-2028 period. The change in revenues includes a reduction of about \$800 million over the 2019-2028 period that would result from changes in off-budget revenues (from Social Security payroll taxes). CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6301 would not affect direct spending.

The Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 establishes budget-reporting and enforcement procedures for legislation affecting revenues or direct spending. The net changes in revenues and direct spending that are subject to those pay-as-you-go procedures are shown in the following table. Only on-budget changes to revenues and direct spending are subject to pay-as-you-go procedures.

CBO Estimate of Pay-As-You-Go Effects for bill H.R. 6301, as reported by the House Committee on Ways and Means on July 19, 2018.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars												2019-	2019-
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2023	2028	
NET INCREASE IN THE ON-BUDGET DEFICIT														
Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Effects	0	99	185	236	255	284	323	351	400	431	451	1,060	3,017	
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Change in On-Budget Revenues	0	-99	-185	-236	-255	-284	-323	-351	-400	-431	-451	-1,060	-3,017	
Change in Off-Budget Revenues ^b	0	-27	-51	-64	-70	-78	-89	-97	-103	-108	-114	-290	-801	

Source: Staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation.

Note: Components do not add to totals due to rounding.

a. A negative sign for revenues indicates a reduction in revenues.

b. Off-budget revenues result from changes in Social Security payroll tax receipts.

CBO and JCT estimate that enacting H.R. 6301 would increase on-budget deficits by more than \$5 billion in at least one of the four 10-year periods beginning in 2029. CBO estimates that enacting the bill would not increase net direct spending in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

JCT has determined that the bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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